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Re: THYES et al.
Ser. No. 09/889,383
Your Reference: PF 0480001211/GD
Your letter dated: June 03, 2005
Suspension of Action until: December 19, 2005

Dear Bettina:

Thank you for your aforementioned letter regarding the further strategy in the above identified application, and for your helpful and detailed comments and instructions. Accordingly, please find attached hereto a copy of the request for continued examination which we have now submitted to the U.S. PTO along with a preliminary amendment and a request for suspension of action for three months. We have also enclosed herewith a separate unmarked copy of the current claims to update your records.

As indicated, the suspension of action expires on December 19, 2005, at which time the Examiner is likely to resume the examination of the application. If we want to ensure that the Examiner gives full consideration to any additional evidence and/or remarks before issuing a further action in this matter it would be recommendable to submit such evidence and/or remarks not later than the above indicated date.

Unfortunately we were not able to file the requisite papers in due time prior to the August 18, 2005, date mentioned in your letter. We will, of course, fully cover the additional fees for extension of time which became due in light of the inadvertent delay at our end.

We hope that the foregoing and the attached meet with your approval. For the time being we will continue to keep you promptly informed of the progress of this application. However, if we can be of further assistance at any time, please don't hesitate to let us know. Thank you for allowing us to be of service to you in this matter.

With best regards.

Very truly yours,
NOVAK DRUCE DE LUCA & QUIGG, LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara A. Schwalge".

Barbara A. Schwalge

Encl.: RCE and accompanying papers
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